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SUBJECT: WESTERN NEWSPAPERS APPEAR IN KIEV (AGAIN)

1. NEWSTANDS IN KIEV BEGAN LIMITED SALE OF WEST EUROPEAN, CANADIAN, U.S., AND JAPANESE NEWSPAPERS ON FEBRUARY 1, 1978.

2. THE KIEV ADVANCE PARTY HAS CONFIRMED THAT SOME 32 WESTERN NEWSPAPERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT AT LEAST TWO NEWSTANDS IN KIEV HOTELS IN 5-10 COPIES EACH. ISSUES ARE A WEEK LATE AND COST PER COPY IS R .60 OR ABOUT ONE DOLLAR.

3. NEWSPAPERS ON SALE INCLUDE: INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE, LE SOIR AND LES ECHO, PARIS; NEUE ZURICH ZEITUNG, LONDON TIMES AND FINANCIAL TIMES, EL PAIS, MADRID; DIARIO DE NOTICIAS, LISBON; JOURNAL DE GENEVE, DE PRESSE,

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VIENNA; INFORMATION, COPENHAGEN; HELSINKI SANOMAT; FRANK-FURTER ALGEMEIN; GLOBE AND MAIL, TORONTO; IL MESSAGGERO, ROME; ALGEMEEN DAGBLAT, ROTTERDAM.

4. COMMENT: A SMALLER GROUP OF WESTERN NEWSPAPERS APPEARED BRIEFLY IN KIEV IN SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1976, BUT NEWSTAND PERSONNEL ASSERT THEY HAVE BEEN TOLD WESTERN

NEWSPAPERS WILL NOW BE REGULARLY AVAILABLE. HOWEVER,  
THE LIMITED NUMBERS OF COPIES AND THE RESTRICTED LOCATION  
IN INTOURIST HOTELS (FOR FOREIGN TOURISTS) SUGGEST THIS  
IS A SOVIET EFFORT IN INFORMATION "TOKENISM." ADVANCE  
PARTY BELIEVES THAT RECENT AND UNUSUAL TIGHTENING OF  
ACCESS BY LOCALS TO INTOURIST HOTELS MAY BE RELATED TO  
THE APPEARANCE OF WESTERN NEWSPAPERS. EVEN IF THE FEW  
COPIES FIND THEIR WAY INTO LOCAL HANDS, AS WE EXPECT  
THEY WILL, THE AUTHORITIES PROBABLY CONSIDER THE FEW  
COPIES HARMLESS, AND WE WOULD AGREE, GIVEN THE  
LARGE LISTENING AUDIENCE FOR WESTERN RADIO STATIONS IN  
KIEV. MATLOCK

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